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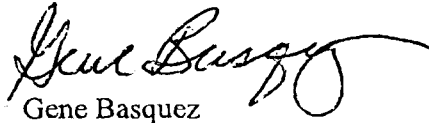
Ms. Hesse:

I always appreciate an opportunity to participate in government matters that affect me directly as an American citizen and I thank you for conducting this comment period regarding the Microsoft anti-trust lawsuit.

I simply wish to voice my full support for the settlement proposed by the President's team. This settlement provides a genuine solution to a costly lawsuit -- the merits of which are hotly debated across the nation. There are so many other more critical issues facing our government and your court, especially in light of the September 11th attacks, that I cannot see the wisdom in continuing to pursue one of our best and brightest organizations. Microsoft's agreement to operate under the stringent restrictions imposed by the proposed settlement is an indication to me of the company's good faith and the tech market could certainly use the boost of confidence this settlement would provide.

I trust that the court will see the benefits of settling this matter in the manner proposed and move to accept the Bush settlement agreement.

Sincerely,


Gene Basquez